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Richard P. T. Dutrow Farmstead
Adamstown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850-1910

The Richard P. T. Dutrow Farmstead was built beginning about 1850 when the two-story brick house now standing was erected on or near the site of an earlier log structure. Some of the logs were used in the construction of the L-shaped dwelling, which has a five-bay west elevation with a one-story bracketed porch. The exterior retains much of its mid-19th century character, with the two-story open porch on the south side of the wing mostly unaltered by enclosures or additions and the main section with its original doorway and window openings intact. The interior contains a fine painted and grained slate mantel in the south parlor. The farmstead also has a combination smokehouse and chicken house, the smokehouse section possibly of about the same period as the house, a frame garage of the first decade of the 20th century, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib built about 1900. The original bank barn is no longer standing and the currently active dairy farm is based in several non-contributing concrete block buildings. The farmstead was built for Richard Dutrow by James Hopwood, a local carpenter, and brick was burned on the property from clay found near the building site. The house was oriented toward the newly relocated and straightened Buckeystown Pike, which originally ran about 200 yards east of the extant house. The farmstead is principally significant for the largely unaltered exterior form of the house, a good example of the German vernacular building tradition of the early and mid 19th century, and for the craftsmanship of the south parlor mantelpiece, probably a catalog item of the mid 1850's. Several other houses in the Adamstown-Buckeystown area have similar mantels of such high quality. Richard P. T. Dutrow (1828-1877) was a prominent and successful farmer, also a one-term state legislator from 1868-1870, and served as a County Commissioner. He was one of five killed in a B&O Railroad accident on June 12, 1877, in which many more well-known Frederick Countians were injured.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse
Domestic/secondary structure/garage
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.

Williams, T.J.C., and Folger McKinsey. History of Frederick County, 1910.
Reprinted Baltimore: Regional Publishing Co., 1979, 400, 982-983.

2553A Buckeystown Pike

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
441/879 833/175 15 Sept 70	Christian Bros. of Frederick, Ind	Ammendale Normal Institute	1st: 170A, 14 sq. p. 434/494 Drift to Rau 2nd: 142A 1/2 444/428 Rensberg to Rau		
690/735 28 Sept 63	Ammendale Normal Institute	Jennings Bailey Jr. & Isabel L. Bailey			
494/52 14 May 51	Jennings Bailey Jr., et ux	Sara R. Lee, et al			
Will Record RLL 2/594 1 June 48	Sara Rau & Mauran M. Heater	Rudolph M. Rau			
444/428 27 Nov 44	Rudolph M. Rau	E. Carl & Dorothy D. Rensberg	142 1/2 A. with right of access via lane from Buckeystown State Rd.		
434/494 10 Aug 42	Rudolph M. Rau	John Paul & Mary B. Graff et al	170A, 14 p.		
390/59 12 Dec 33	John Paul Graff et al	Theresa S. Graff, trustee of John P. Graff	170A, 14 p.		
382/116 30 Jan 32	Theresa S. Graff, trustee	Darsons Newman, assignee of mortgage from J. Bowers Myers to John P. Graff		\$10,000	Equity 12,380 Equity Record EGH 11/500
331/79 29 Mar 20	J. Bowers Myers	Peter L. Hargett	Equity Record EGH 11/500: Ad. for sale: 2 1/2 st. brick, 8 room, metal roof dwelling large bank barn 45'x90' with barn 32x50 ft., poultry house, meat house, dairy, etc. Home property of late R. Claude Detrow		

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Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Richard P.T. Dutrow Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 2553A Buckeystown Pike not for publication

city, town Adamstown x vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> x occupied	<u> </u> x agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u> </u> x building(s)	<u> </u> x private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u> </u> x private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> x yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> x not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Christian Brothers of Frederick, Inc.

street & number P.O. Box 29 telephone no.:

city, town Adamstown state and zip code MD 21710

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 833

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 175

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-193

Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 4

The Richard P. T. Dutrow Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on the two-story white-painted brick house built about 1850 on the east side of Buckeystown Pike (Md. 85) about 1/4 mile north of Lily Pons Road near Adamstown, Frederick County, Maryland. The house has three contributing outbuildings, one a combination smokehouse and chicken house of about the last quarter of the 19th century, a small frame garage of the first quarter of the 20th century, and a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1900. The rest of the buildings in the complex are principally associated with the agricultural group and are non-contributing structures including a concrete block dairy barn and milk house. The original bank barn is no longer extant. The farmstead is located at the north side of the entrance drive to a modern religious complex, the Christian Brothers Center, located on the same parcel about 1/4 mile east of the farmstead. The farmstead buildings are in good condition and is still in agricultural and residential use. The dates for the buildings are based on architectural evidence, local histories, and land records.

The dwelling has a five-bay west elevation facing Buckeystown Pike with a one-story porch over the central three bays. The white-painted brick walls are in 5:1 American bond with a corbeled brick cornice. The roof is standing seam metal and interior end chimneys are at the north and south gable ends. The central doorway has a three-light transom and sidelights. The window and door openings have molded lintels and the sash is 6/6 with louvred shutters. The porch has brackets and pendants on the square posts and crosspieces. The deck is wood on brick piers. A two-story brick rear wing extends from the northeast corner of the main section. The north and south elevations of the main section have only two 2/2 attic windows flanking the chimney stacks. The rear wing had a two-story open porch on the south elevation and a one-story frame addition on the east end. The wing has alternating windows and doors on the south with 6/6 windows and louvred shutters as on the main section. The doors are 4-panel types with three-light transoms. The frame addition on the east has a shed roof with weatherboard siding and 2/2 windows on the east side. The interior of the house has been remodeled in recent years with wall-to-wall carpeting and painted or wallpapered plaster walls. The floor plan has a central stair hall with flanking parlors and the dining room and kitchen in the rear wing, the most common plan in German-influenced vernacular dwellings of the 19th century in Frederick County. One of the most important interior features is a fine painted and grained slate mantel in the south parlor, with an arched opening, incised scroll designs, and molded brackets under the top shelf.

Outbuildings:

Smokehouse/chicken house: The one-story frame outbuilding located southeast of the rear wing has two sections, the easternmost with weatherboard siding and a standing seam metal roof. A single vertical board door is on the north elevation. The east gable end has a vent near the peak and the interior of the building is plastered, features which identify it as a smokehouse. The larger, western section of the building has German siding and a corrugated metal roof. A vertical board door is

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1850-1910

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Richard P. T. Dutrow Farmstead is significant under the theme of architecture for its largely unaltered exterior features which are a good illustration of the mid-19th century vernacular dwelling with original in the German building tradition. The L-shaped plan with 6/6 windows, louvred shutters, simple molded lintels, bracketed front porch, and two-story rear wing with a two-level open porch are characteristic of the type and the Dutrow House is mostly unaltered in these respects. In particular, the rear wing has been little changed from its apparent original design; this is a part which is often the focus of alterations in the mid-20th century. The fine slate mantel in the south parlor is also an important feature of the mid-19th century design. Mantels of such a high level of craftsmanship were usually ordered from catalogs and are found fairly frequently in other rural houses in the Adamstown Region. This may be attributed to the work of the same builder in many cases. The builder of the Richard P. T. Dutrow House was James Hopwood, according to Grove's History of Carrollton Manor (1928), who demolished an earlier log structure on the property and re-used some of the timbers in the construction of the present house, possibly in the roof and floor structures. Richard P. T. Dutrow (1828-1877) was a prominent farmer in the Buckeystown Election District and was a member of the State Assembly from 1868-1870 and was also once a County Commissioner. He was killed on June 12, 1877 in a B&O Railroad accident near Point of Rocks in which four other prominent Frederick County citizens were killed and dozens were injured, still regarded as the worst railroad accident in the County's history.

Grove's History of Carrollton Manor gives other details regarding the construction of the house which link it to the improvement of the Buckeystown Pike about 1850 in which the road was straightened and, in some places, relocated. According to Grove's account and land records, Richard Dutrow's father Samuel Dutrow bought the farm, with the slaves residing on the property, in 1842, one of at least five farms he eventually owned in the Buckeystown Election District. The original log structure on the house faced east toward the original route of the road, but the relocated road was moved 200 yards to the east and R. P. T. Dutrow had the present house built facing the new road. Grove says the date was about 1860 and that the father Samuel had the house built. The general architectural form, the corbeled cornice, and exterior details suggest that the date may have been around 1850. Also, Williams & McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910), a somewhat more reliable source, says that R. P. T. Dutrow farmed the place for his father after his

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.

Grove, William J. History of Carrollton Manor - Frederick: Marken & Bielfeld, Inc., 1928, 97-99, 140.Land and Equity Records of Frederick County
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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 5 acresQuadrangle name Buckeystown, Md.-Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 5 acres centered on the dwelling and outbuildings near the entrance drive to the Christian Brothers Center on Tax Map 104, Parcel 4.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyororganization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1993street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958city or town Frederick state MD 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

7.1 Description (Continued)

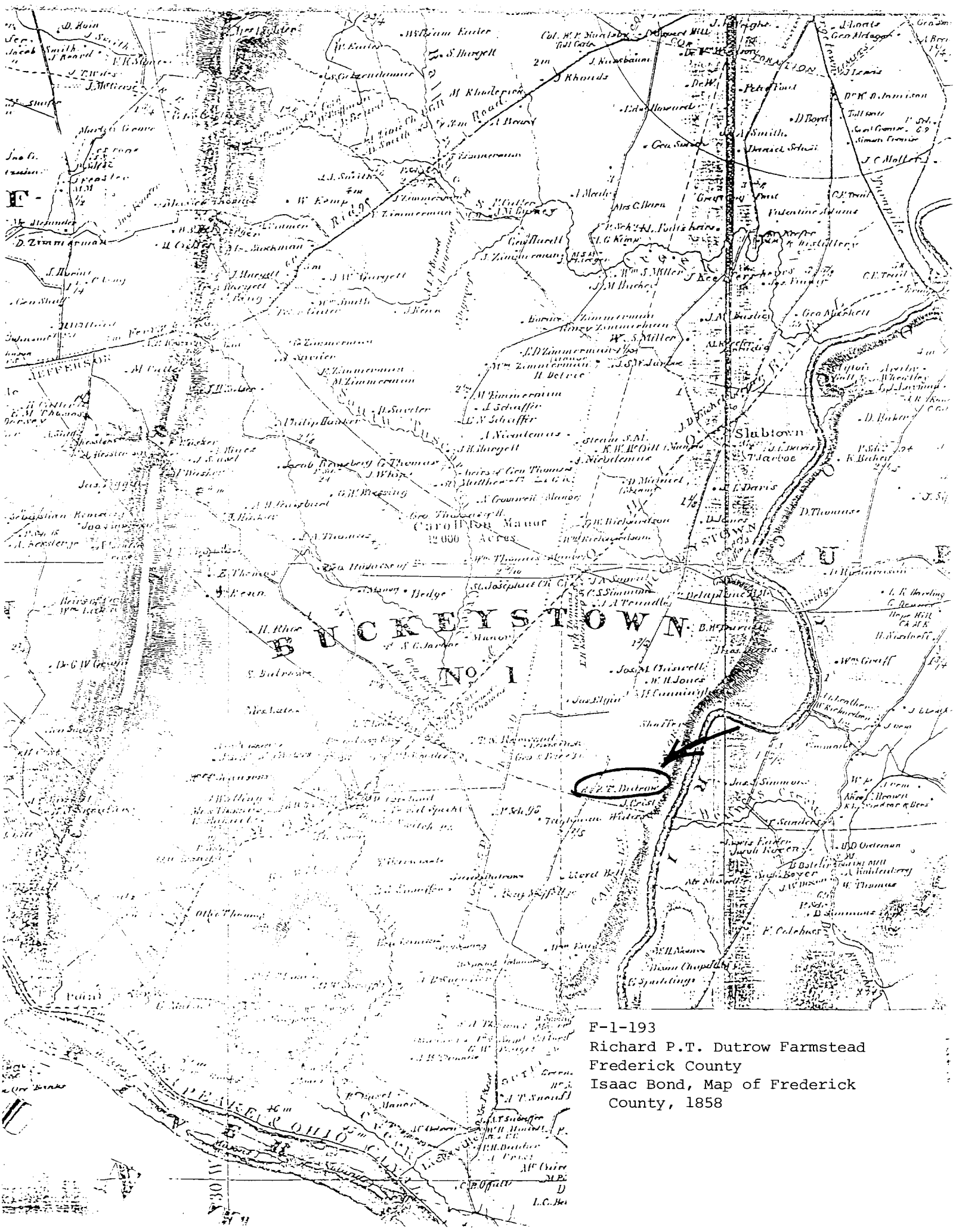
the north side is flanked by 3/3 windows. Additional 3/3 windows are on the south elevation. The use of this section is not clearly definable; however, other farmsteads with similar buildings were used as summer kitchens or wash houses with the adjoining section used as a smokehouse or meathouse. Mrs. Dorothy Esworthy, one of the current tenants of the farm, says the building has been as a chicken house in the recent past, but is now a storage building. It was probably built in two stages, both occurring during the period about 1860-1900.

Garage: The frame garage is a small rectangular building east of the smokehouse/chicken house. It has tongue-and-groove siding and sliding doors on the south elevation. The gable roof is corrugated metal. The garage was probably built about 1910-1920, based on the materials and size of the structure.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib is located southeast of the domestic group, in the agricultural group which is otherwise non-contributing. The exterior is vertical tongue-and-groove siding with a corrugated metal roof. The west elevation has a door on the south bay opening into the former corn crib. A track above the central drive-through indicates that a sliding door was once installed, but has been removed. The shed is currently used for hay storage. Its materials indicate that it was probably built about 1900.

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

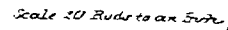
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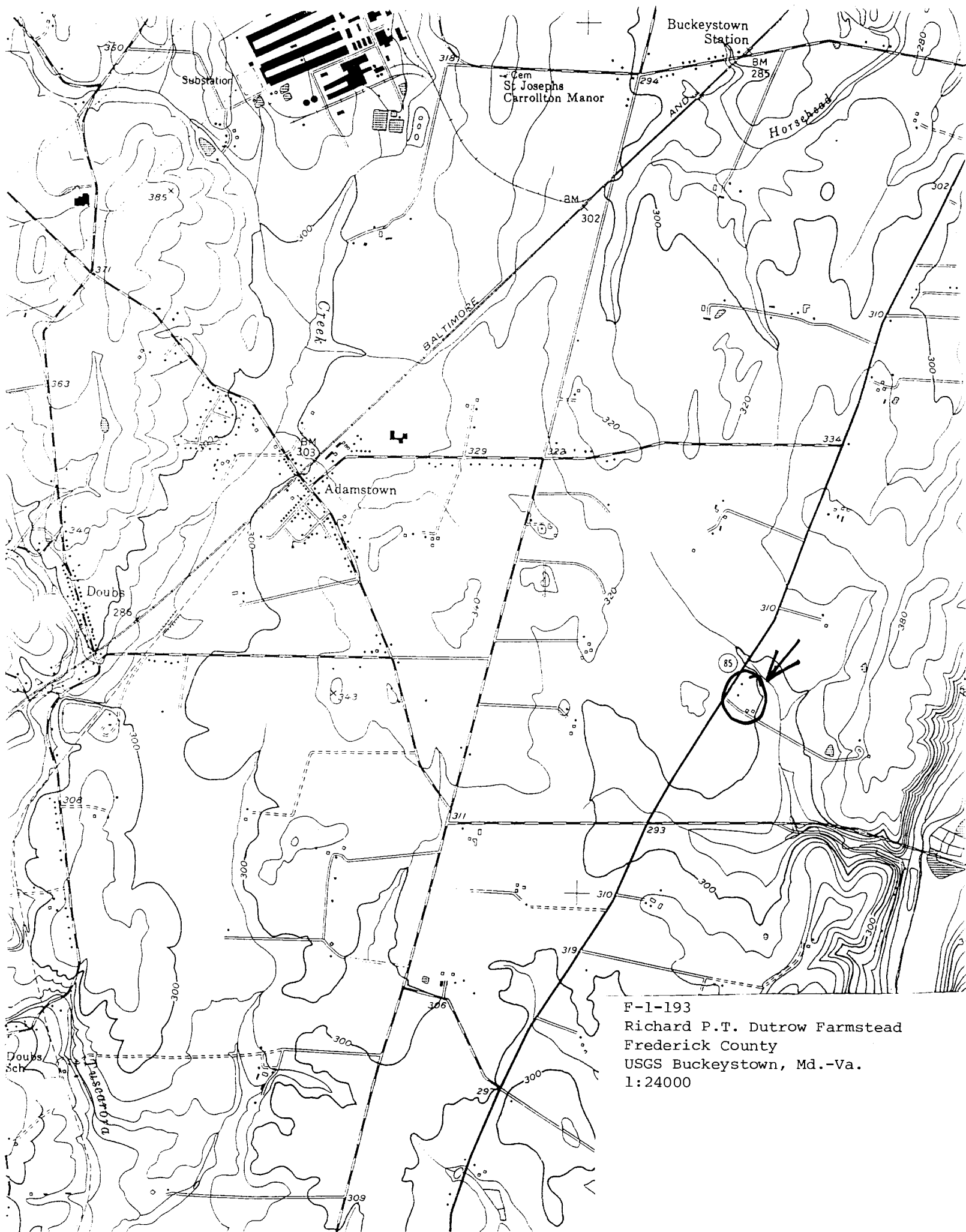
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Richard P.T. Dutrow Farmstead
Frederick County
Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
County, 1858

Scale 15 inches to one mile



Richard P.T. Dutrow Farmstead
Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



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Richard P.T. Dutrow Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.
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Richard P. T. Dutrow Farmstead

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Photo: Janet Davis

June 1997

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

West elevation

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Neg. 100: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South east corner view

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Richard P.T. Dutton Farmstead

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South parlor mantel

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Neg. 100.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Smokehouse/chicken house, north elevation

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Garage, south elevation

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Wagon shed/corn crib, west elevation

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